

Visitors down

A decline of 109 persons to Illinois Valley Visitor Center, during April was reported to I.V. Chamber of Commerce directors.

There were 859 visitors to the site during April 2006 vs. 750 during the same month this year, said Dulce Moore, chamber office manager, during the May 8 meeting at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction.

The board also learned that Director Vicki Gill is on a leave of absence and that Director Chris Smith will assume her treasurer duties.

In another matter, Mary Reynolds, of Jefferson State Financial Services, presented a proposal on how the chamber could realize a sustainable income through an arrangement with her business. The proposal is under study.



ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT, American Medical Response (AMR) and Josephine County Sheriff's Office responded to a vehicle-into-a-tree-crash at 10:37 p.m. Friday, June 8 in the 5000 block of Westside Road. The driver, Sonja M. Rasmussen, 27, of Cave Junction, was transported to Three Rivers Community Hospital by AMR. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')

JOINT collars 5 on heroin possession in Grants Pass

Five persons were arrested on charges including possession of heroin during a search warrant service at a home in the city of Grants Pass, said Det. Sgt. Ken Selig of Josephine Interagency Narcotics Team (JOINT).

JOINT detectives forced their way into the home at 1475 Cameo Court Thursday, June 7 at 9 a.m. when repeated calls to come to the door failed, Selig said. JOINT was aided by officers from Oregon State Police and Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety.

Arrested were Joshua F. Pitts, 23; Stacy Coffman, 22; Little Eagle Ortiz, 22; Alisha Tibbs, 18; and Gabriel Suiter, 33. Officers seized 78 grams of Mexican tar heroin, scales, packaging material, and three handguns. One of the guns, a .45-caliber weapon, was reported stolen from a Josephine County resident earlier this year, said Selig.

The dwelling involved is the home of Pitts and Coffman. They each were

charged with manufacturing, possession and delivery of a controlled substance/heroin. Pitts also was charged with being a felon in possession of a weapon.

Ortiz, a transient, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (PCS)/heroin, and first-degree theft by receiving.

Tibbs, of L Street in Grants Pass, was charged with PCS/heroin.

Suiter, a transient, initially gave the name, Michael J. Hamilton. He initially was charged with PCS/heroin. Selig said that under his real name, the suspect was arrested on multiple felony arrest warrants out of Josephine County related to drug-related crimes, a stolen car crime, and giving a false name to police.

Also under warrants, Grants Pass Police arrested Suiter on charges of first-degree burglary, interfering with police, and third-degree criminal mischief.

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Friday, June 1

\*A woman complained that she'd been pushed by her boyfriend from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of S. Redwood Hwy. Also, that he'd slashed tires on her vehicle. A report of fourth-degree domestic assault was referred.

\*An officer responded to a report of an aggressive person at Jubilee Park at 9:16 a.m. Among those contacted were Jeremy Justine Smith, 27, cited on a charge of failure to appear (FTA) on an original third-degree theft charge; and Charles Derieft Brooks, 59, cited on an original charge of driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

\*Suspect information and video evidence of an act of vandalism at Lorna Byrne Middle School was referred with a second-degree criminal mischief charge to the Josephine County D.A.

\*A foster parent in rural Cave Junction complained of telephonic harassment by a biological parent.

\*Following a noninjury motor vehicle accident (MVA) in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy., Christopher Michael Williams, 28, was cited on a Douglas County warrant charging contempt of court on an original charge of driving with a suspended license.

\*Theft of a man's bicycle valued at \$75 from a front yard in the 300 block of Caves Hwy. was reported at 4:16 p.m.

\*A motorist phoned at 4:18 to report that he'd seen a man hitting a woman near Lakeshore Drive and Redwood Hwy. The woman, it was determined, fled. A report of fourth-degree domestic assault was referred.

\*Sent to locate a smoldering fire near Seats Dam, a deputy located a campfire covered with dirt. She also reported several vehicles leaving upon arrival of her patrol car. (Maybe they had a scanner? The rumor was that there was a beer bust for teenagers).

\*Bleeding from one ear, a 33-year-old Cave Junction woman was taken to Three Rivers Community Hospital following a reported assault in the 400 block of S. Redwood Hwy. Carrie Lynn Thom, 36, was arrested on a charge of third-degree assault and lodged in county jail.

\*At the scene of a reported assault in Downtown CJ, Robert James Myers, 36, was cited on charges of FTA in connection with original charges of menacing, fourth-

degree assault, criminal trespassing and third-degree sexual abuse.

Saturday, June 2

\*A possible water line break on W. Palmer Street was reported to city of CJ employees around 2 a.m.

\*Subsequent to an MVA the day before, Christopher Michael Williams, 28, was cited on a charge of driving without insurance.

\*A bicycle rider reported trespassing on property in Selma at 6 p.m. threatened to sue the land owner, claiming that he fell and hurt himself. The caller sounded intoxicated, the dispatcher noted.

\*Near the Illinois Valley Substation an individual ID'd by an officer as "The Running Man" was warned about littering. (That's why there often seems to be trash there).

\*In Selma a man phoned 911 to complain about an officer. He was warned about misuse of 911 and told to phone the sheriff's office during regular business hours.

\*Yelling and screaming indicative of a domestic disturbance were heard in the 100 block of Kerby Street, a pair of callers said at 9:12 p.m.

\*"Rowdy" persons stopped along the roadside near Lake Selmac Resort at 9 p.m. were said to have given a man some "guff" when asked to quiet down. An officer didn't locate the group.

\*An intoxicated man was yelling and making threats on Millie Street at 11:13 p.m.

Sunday, June 3

\*A woman requested help retrieving her belongings from a Norman Road residence because her ex-husband, she said, would not allow her to leave with them.

\*On Millie Street a woman complained that her ex-boyfriend had taken her puppy. It was learned that the dog had been a joint acquisition, and the matter was deemed civil. The complainant was advised of options.

\*Anthony Thomas Spain, Andrew Scott Gallego, and Mitch Anthony Howland, all 20, each were cited on a federal charge of minor in possession of alcohol at McCaleb Ranch at 2:05 p.m.

\*A man on Happy Camp Road said that his neighbor tried to run him off the road, apparently while both were in motor vehicles.

\*In the vicinity of Redwood Hwy. and Westside Road at 5 p.m., someone was discharging what sounded to the caller like an "assault rifle," and rounds were landing on his property, he said.

\*In a continuing "neighborly" dispute on Happy Camp Road, a man claimed that his neighbor caused some \$500 damage to an automatic gate.

\*His step-daughter punched him in the mouth, knocked him down, kicked him and took his car, said a man calling from near Lake

Selmac. Due to the intoxication levels of the victim and a supposed witness, they were to be recontacted later.

Monday, June 4

\*Debris, but no vehicles, was found after a reported crash on Redwood Hwy. at Laurel Road at 1:07 a.m.

\*Damage to a chain-link fence caused with bolt cutters at the city of CJ water treatment plant was reported.

\*Graffiti was spray-painted by some of the area's intellectuals on the snack bar at Jubilee Park.

\*Someone acquired a Direct TV account in his name at property he used to own on Happy Camp Road, a man complained.

\*Campers were reported to have left Spalding Pond campground near Eight Dollar Mountain and not returned, said a worried man.

\*A U-Haul truck reported stolen from Eugene was recovered from White Schoolhouse Road.

\*A pickup truck was said to be stolen from Shady Acres RV park.

\*A 37-year-old man was warned about lying on the road in CJ on N. Redwood Hwy. at 8:16 p.m.

\*Not permitted to purchase alcohol or cough medicine, a 63-year-old man, who'd been warned against trespassing before, was refusing to leave Shop Smart Food Warehouse around 8 p.m.

\*Wade K. Holder, 31, was arrested on a charges of fourth-degree domestic assault and interfering with a 911 call. He was lodged in county jail.

Tuesday, June 5

\*Twenty black plastic pots, 12 bags of "Grow and Bloom" soil and a bag of perlite were taken from Dillon's Nursery & Garden Center after a break-in reported at 2:31 a.m. Damage to the front door of the business also was

noted. \*Following a disturbance in Kerby at 3:59 a.m., one person elected to leave, at least temporarily.

\*Persons reported missing from Spalding Pond campground were located. They were fine, but did not want their location disclosed, as they had left the campout, they said, because of the behavior of the person who had reported them missing.

\*The owner of a business in Cave Junction wanted a woman warned about her behavior because, he said, she was yelling and using profanities.

\*Intoxicated and yelling, a man with a dog was causing a disturbance at a business in Selma at 7:25 p.m.

\*In the 27000 block of Redwood Hwy. a neighbor reported a man and woman fighting. When he asked the couple if help was needed, he related, he was told to mind his own business.

\*Following a minor MVA on Redwood Hwy. at Palmer Street at 9:43 p.m., one of the drivers, said to be intoxicated, became angry when the sheriff's office was called and drove away.

\*Clever young men in a blue pickup truck were seen knocking over trash cans on Hanby Lane around 8:45 p.m.

Advertisement for J'S FEED & TACK, located at 28409 Redwood Hwy, 592-4996, OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK. The ad lists various pet supplies like Dog Food, Cat Food, Poultry Feed, etc., and features the Nutrena logo.

Advertisement for DAVID ANDERSON EXCAVATING, Licensed General Contractor. Services include 30 years experience in water, sewer & pipeline construction, brush clearing, septic installation & utility line trenching. Specializing in alternative septic systems. Phone: (541) 597-4486.

Advertisement for SISKIYOU MARKET, COLDEST BEER IN TOWN. Located at 380 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523. Phone: 592-3426.

Advertisement for BUSCH BEER and MILLER HIGH LIFE. 12 pk. \$7.59 +dep. 16 oz. 6 pk. \$3.99 +dep. Natural ICE 16 oz. 6 pk. \$3.49 +dep. Good through 4th of July.

A detailed TV schedule table for SUNDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON on June 17, 2007. The table lists various channels (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49) and their respective programming for each time slot from 6:00 to 5:30.